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A RESOLUTION to honor Ray Albright for his twenty-six years of service in the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should honor those former colleagues who during their tenure in the General Assembly performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion, and whose professionalism and competence will serve as a benchmark for future legislatures; and

WHEREAS, Senator Raymond Coe Albright was a great presence on Capitol Hill for twenty-six years, seven terms of public service that stand unparalleled in excellence in the annals of this great state's history; and

WHEREAS, Ray Albright began his meritorious service in the House of Representatives in 1969 and was elected to the Senate two years later, where he remained a distinguished and highly respected leader for twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, this veteran legislator was the first Chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, a committee on which he also served as Secretary; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Senator Albright was appointed Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, a demonstration of confidence and an appropriate accolade to a conscientious legislator known for his competence and integrity; and

WHEREAS, as the distinguished Chair of the Senate Education Committee, and a member of the Select Oversight Committee on Education, Ray Albright worked tirelessly to reform education policy and financing and was essential in the passage of the Educational Improvement Act; and

WHEREAS, Senator Albright will long be remembered as an advocate and crusader for higher education, sponsoring legislation that established Chattanooga State Technical Community College and the Tennessee Student Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, Chattanooga was well-represented by this prominent legislator as he served the Information Systems Council, Fiscal Review Committee, Ethics Committee and the Senate Republican Caucus with peerless distinction; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Delegation was honored to have such an esteemed lawmaker as their chair for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, Senator Albright found it necessary to carry the torch for a great number of issues of both local and statewide concern; and

WHEREAS, promoting equality and basic fairness for all citizens, protecting and conserving our environment and it's resources, and ensuring public welfare and safety were important issues to Senator Albright and were often found at the heart of the legislation he sponsored; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to service was ever present as a member of the Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee and the past state chairman of the Tennessee Committee for Employer Support of the National Guard and Reserve; and

WHEREAS, a public servant through and through, Ray Albright has given unreservedly to his community as a board member of the Chattanooga Area Regional Council of Government and as a Shriner; and

WHEREAS, previous to his public service, Senator Albright graduated from Central High School in Chattanooga and attended Vanderbilt's Banking School; and

WHEREAS, considered an astute business man, Senator Albright currently serves as Senior Vice President of Union Planters National Bank in Chattanooga and is a member of the American Institute of Banking; and

WHEREAS, this widely respected man is also a devout member of First-Centenary United Methodist Church in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, for years, Senator Albright has shared his many accomplishments with his loving wife, Phyllis; their two children, Susan Baker and Chris Albright; and two grandchildren, Raegan and Megan Baker; and

WHEREAS, for a quarter of a century, Senator Albright provided this General Assembly with wisdom, incredible insight, leadership and energy that will seldom be equaled, never surpassed, and without question, will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, it is now highly appropriate that the friends and former colleagues of this outstanding public servant should honor him and recognize his numerous contributions to the good of our great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Senator Ray Albright for his innumerable services to Tennessee, and we honor him for his distinguished career with this General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Senator Albright with this final clause omitted from such copy.